

## **FEDERAL AGENCY NAGPRA STATISTICS**

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### **Introduction**

At the May 2006 meeting in Juneau, AK, members of the Review Committee expressed some concern regarding Federal agency NAGPRA compliance. This report presents the submissions of the 13 land managing agencies to the National NAGPRA office as of October 2006 with a focus on the current status of Native American human remains in their control. The report does not contain information on agencies such as the Department of Justice, which have sporadic NAGPRA compliance obligations, but which have published notices.

As of October 24, 2006, 301 notices describing Native American human remains have been published by 163 Federal land holding/land managing agency units. Of these, 242 are Notices of Inventory Completion (human remains from collections) and 59 are Notices of Intended Disposition (new discovery/excavation). These 301 published notices describe human remains representing a minimum of 13,614 individuals. Included in the online Culturally Unidentifiable Inventories Database are human remains representing 13,145 individuals held by Federal agencies that have not been included in these notices. The National NAGPRA database includes an additional 1,642 sets of human remains identified by Federal agencies in their inventories as affiliated, but that have not been included in published notices. The total of human remains accounted for by Federal agencies is 28,411. In addition, Federal agencies have published 51 Notices of Intent Repatriate since NAGPRA was enacted (cultural items).

As an indicator of recent progress, it should be noted that Federal agencies have published 43 Notices of Inventory Completion describing 790 individuals and 12,578 associated funerary objects during the last two years. During that same time period, Federal agencies have published 10 Notices of Intended Disposition, which include 35 individuals. In addition, agencies have published 10 Notices of Intent to Repatriate cultural items.

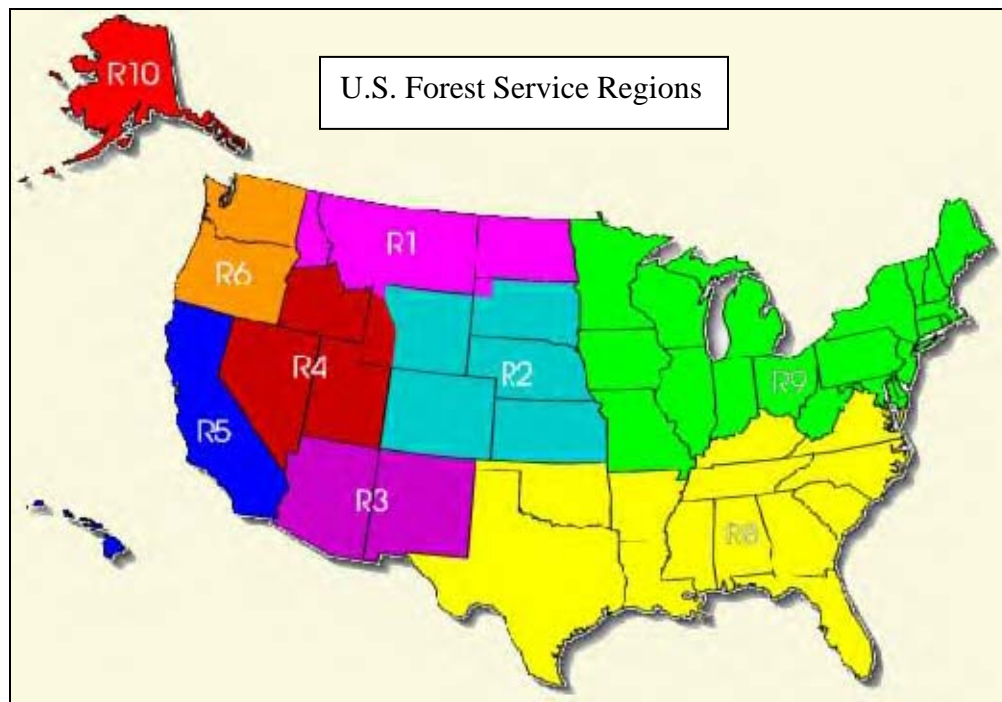
Each table below is a summary by department and agency of 1) notices published, including Federal Register Notices of Inventory Completion (NIC) and Notices of Intended Disposition (NID), 2) the minimum number of human remains (MNI) included in published notices, 3) other affiliated remains reported in inventories, but not yet included in notices, and submissions not yet published, 4) culturally unidentifiable (CUI) human remains posted on the online database. The first column, labeled "SNIR," records the number of "No Statement of Inventory Required" voluntarily submitted by units within agencies that do not have control over any collections containing human remains or associated funerary objects. NAGPRA regulations do not require agencies or museums to report that they control no collections subject to NAGPRA and do not require reporting of actual repatriations.

## U.S. Department of Agriculture

<b>Forest Service</b> (119 of 134 Forests reporting)	<b>SNIR</b>	<b># NICs and NIDs</b>	<b>Pub'l MNI</b>	<b>Pend. MNI</b>	<b>Other Affil MNI</b>	<b>CUI Unpub</b>	<b>Total MNI</b>
Region 1—Northern	10	1	1			3	4
Region 2—Rocky Mountain	4	3	3		7	84	94
Region 3—Southwestern		17	4923			478	5401
Region 4—Intermountain	7	4	14		2		16
Region 5—Pacific Southwest	10	8	76		6	124	206
Region 6—Pacific Northwest	14	4	5	1	8	1	14
Region 8—Southern	7	1	8			67	75
Region 9—Eastern	9	1	1			32	33
Region 10—Alaska		8	68	18	28		114
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5099</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>5958</b>

The **U.S. Forest Service** has been active in the NAGPRA process. Numbers are reported here for the nine regions shown in the map below. (There is no Region 7.) To date the Forest Service has published 42 Notices of Inventory Completion and 7 Notices of Intended Disposition. Two Notices of Inventory Completion describing 19 individuals are pending publication. In addition, the Forest Service has published 14 Notices of Intent to Repatriate cultural items and another is pending. Voluntary submissions of “Statements of No Inventory Required” were received from 62 units.

Since October 2004, the Forest Service has published 9 Notices of Inventory Completion describing 71 individuals and 4 Notices of Intended Disposition describing 4 individuals.

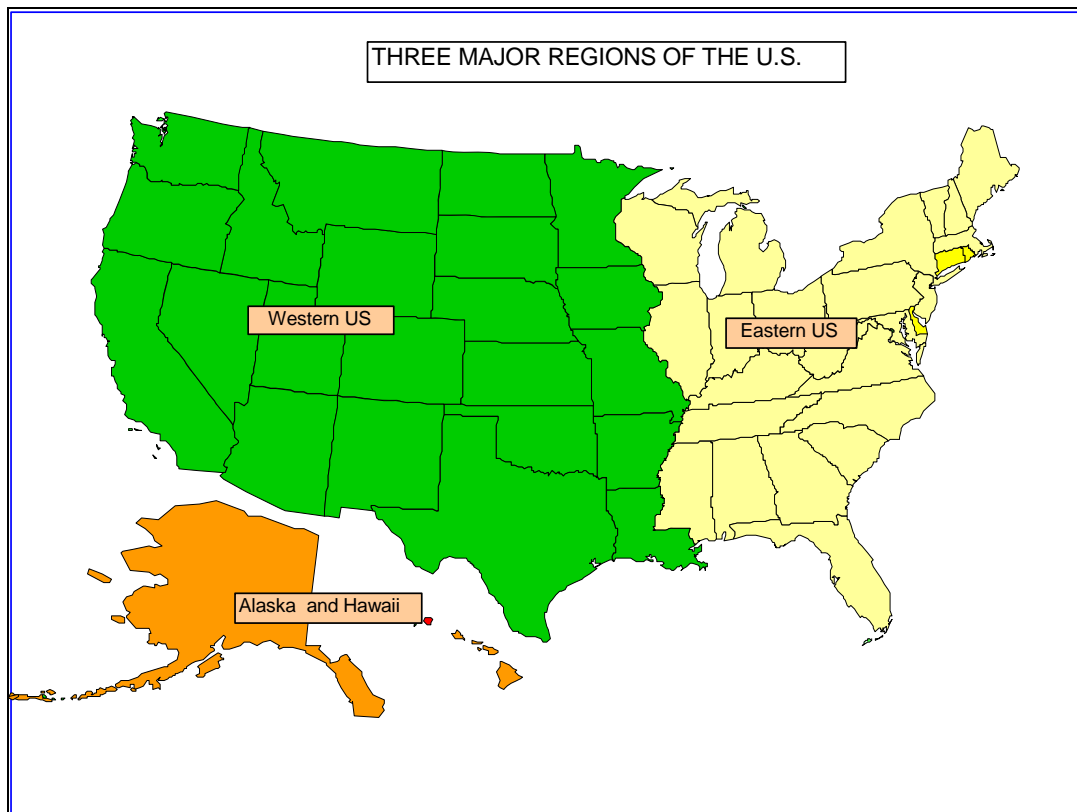


## U.S. Department of Defense

<b>Air Force</b> (192 Bases)	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Eastern US						3	3
Western US	1	2	8				8
Alaska and Hawaii		9	71				71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Army Corp of Engineers</b> (38 Districts in 8 Regions)	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Eastern US		4	86			251	337
Western US		19	568	17	56	1230	1871
Alaska and Hawaii							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>2208</b>
<b>Army</b> (99 Bases)	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Eastern US	3	3	27	2		23	52
Western US	8	5	64			109	173
Alaska and Hawaii	1	5	17				17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Navy and Marine Corp</b> (141 Bases)	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Eastern US		2	172			214	386
Western US		8	57		2		59
Alaska and Hawaii		4	1595				1595
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1824</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2040</b>

The **U.S. Department of Defense**, except for the Army Corps of Engineers, does not report by regions. However, in order to compare Defense statistics with other agencies, submissions have been divided into three major regions, using the Mississippi River as the dividing line between the Eastern and Western states.

It was reported in October 2004 that branches within the U.S. Department of Defense were actively revising their inventories and that a final report would be sent to the National NAGPRA office upon completion. To date no report has been received. Since 2004, however, eight Notices of Inventory Completion have been published including 165 individuals. There are four NICs pending publication. The Department of Defense has also published five Notices of Intended Disposition since the fall of 2004, which include a minimum of 20 individuals.



### U.S. Department of Energy

US Dept. of Energy	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Eastern US	2					20	20
Western US	2	3	6	1			7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>

The **Department of Energy** has submitted two Notices of Inventory Completion and one Notice of Intended Disposition, which include a total of six individuals. One notice has been published since October 2004. In addition, three Notices of Intent to Repatriate cultural items have been published by the Department.

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Coast Guard	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Hawaii		0		1			1

The U.S. Coast Guard, recently transferred from the U.S. Department of Transportation to **Homeland Security**, has one notice pending publication. DHS controls approximately 110,000 acres of land in both rural and urban areas.

## U.S. Department of Interior

<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs</b>	<b>SNIR</b>	<b># NICs and NIDs</b>	<b>Pub'l MNI</b>	<b>Pend. MNI</b>	<b>Other Affil MNI</b>	<b>CUI Unpub</b>	<b>Total MNI</b>
<b>Eastern US</b>		1	9				9
<b>Western US</b>		20	265	4		20	289
<b>Totals</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>298</b>

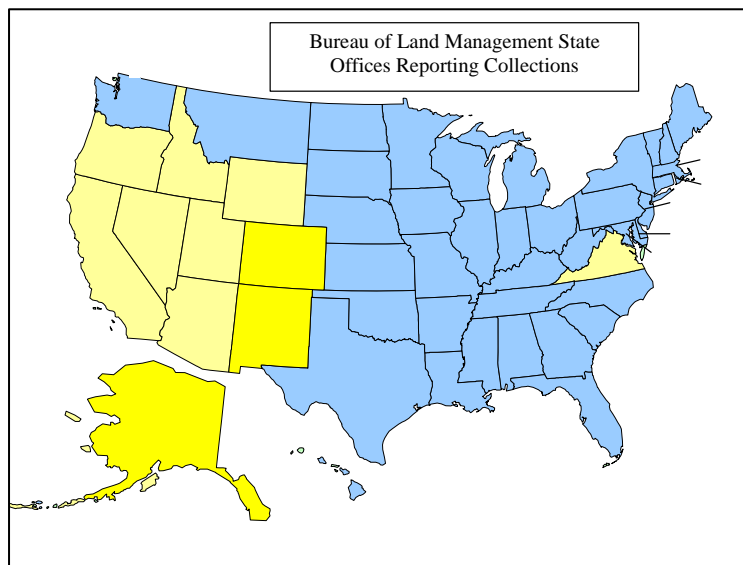
The **Bureau of Indian Affairs** is the controlling agency for all human remains and other cultural objects removed from Indian land after 1906. In one instance, the Bureau accepted a skull donated by a private individual and published a Notice of Inventory Completion in order to repatriate it. The human remains in the notices recorded in the table have been or are now in the physical custody of 14 different museums. The remains were recovered from tribal land in Arizona, California, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. In addition, the Bureau has published four Notices of Intent to Repatriate cultural items and one is pending.

Since October 2004, BIA, in conjunction with the possessing museums, has published 5 Notices of Inventory Completion describing 16 individuals. Two notices await publication.

<b>Bureau of Land Management</b> (11 of 13 offices reporting)	<b>SNIR</b>	<b># NICs and NIDs</b>	<b>Pub'l MNI</b>	<b>Pend. MNI</b>	<b>Other Affil MNI</b>	<b>CUI Unpub</b>	<b>Total MNI</b>
<b>Eastern US</b>		1	3				3
<b>Western US</b>		46	755			161	916
<b>Alaska</b>		13	477				477
<b>Totals</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1396</b>

The **Bureau of Land Management** is not organized into regions, but has 19 State offices, 17 of which are located in the West. The map below indicates in yellow the State offices reporting NAGPRA collections in federal repositories. Seventeen of the 60 notices recorded above are Notices of Intended Disposition, including the one from the Eastern States Office in Virginia, and account for 37 individuals. Most of the human remains from the West were recovered in Colorado and New Mexico.

Since October 2004, BLM has published five Notices of Inventory Completion describing 617 individuals.



<b>Bureau of Reclamation</b> (11 of 20 offices reporting)	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
<b>Great Plains</b>		5	18		61	113	192
<b>Lower Colorado</b>		4	491		1		492
<b>Mid-Pacific</b>		0		49		21	70
<b>Pacific Northwest</b>					84		84
<b>Upper Colorado</b>		3	15				15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>853</b>

The **Bureau of Reclamation** is divided into five regions, with three to six area offices in each region. Unlike most other agencies, its regions are not delineated by state boundaries. The Bureau controls no land in the East or in Alaska and Hawaii. Four of the 12 notices recorded above are Notices of Intended Disposition describing 8 sets of human remains.

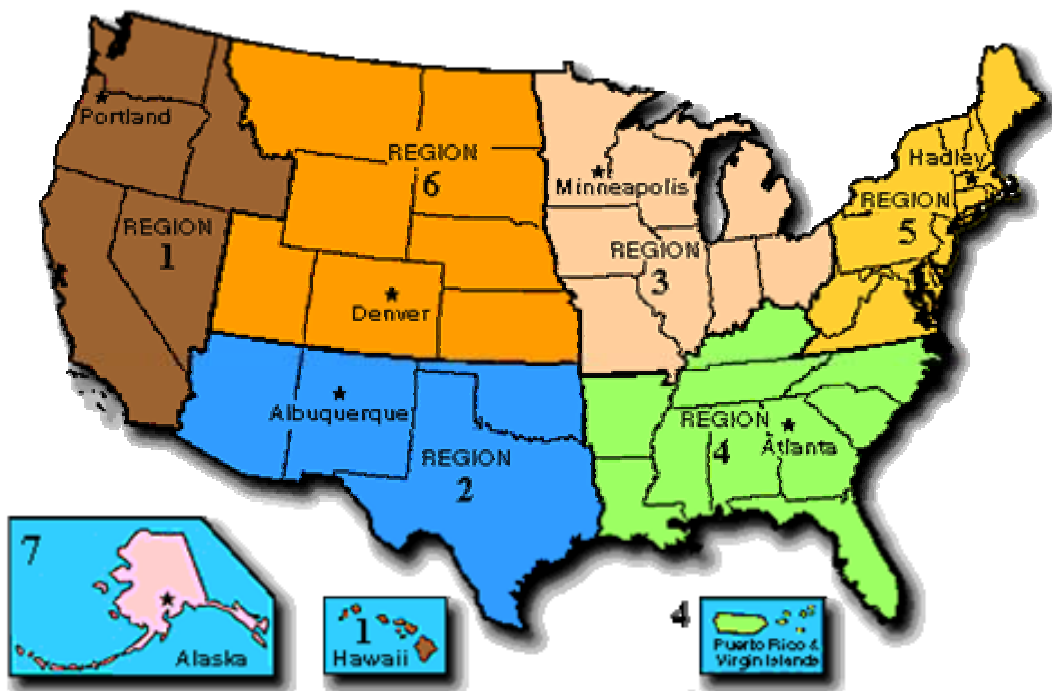
Reclamation has not published a Notice of Inventory Completion within the last two years. Three notices from the Mid-Pacific region are pending and two were withdrawn prior to publication.



<b>Fish and Wildlife Service</b> (74 of 536 Refuges Reporting)	<b>SNIR</b>	<b># NICs and NIDs</b>	<b>Pub'l MNI</b>	<b>Pend. MNI</b>	<b>Other Affil MNI</b>	<b>CUI Unpub</b>	<b>Total MNI</b>
Pacific Region		6	57				57
Southwest Region		1	ukn		2	4	6+
Midwest Region	29	1	1		4	46	51
Southeast Region	1	1	27		2	636	665
Northeast Region	1	1	10				10
Mountain Prairie Region	5					5	5
Alaska Region		2	2	95	2		99
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>893</b>

The **Fish and Wildlife Service** is divided into seven regions. Of the 12 notices reported above, 5 are Notices of Intended Disposition describing 13 individuals, plus an unknown number in the Southwest Region NID.

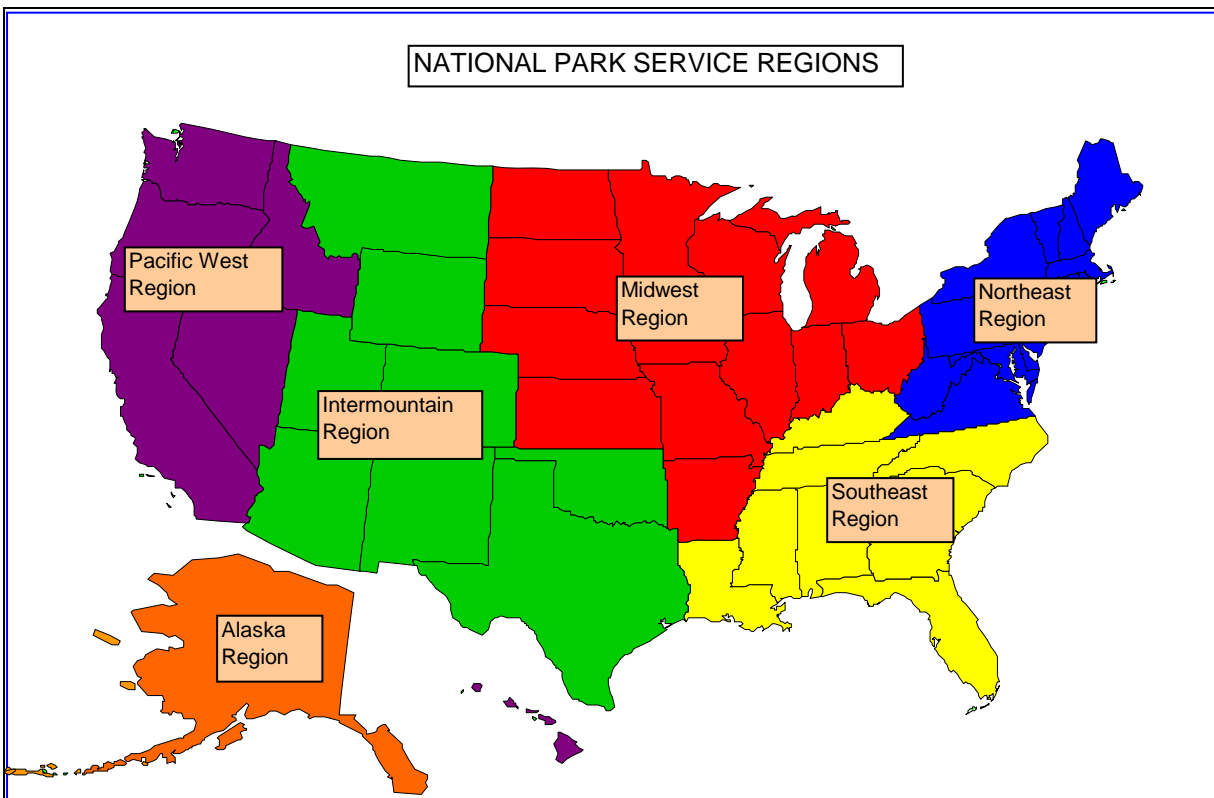
One Notice of Inventory Completion describing one individual has been published within the last two years. Five recently submitted notices from the Alaska Region account for all 95 of the individuals listed in the pending column.



<b>National Park Service</b>	<b>SNIR</b>	<b># NICs and NIDs</b>	<b>Pub'l MNI</b>	<b>Pend. MNI</b>	<b>Other Affil MNI</b>	<b>CUI Unpub</b>	<b>Total MNI</b>
Northeast Region		4	17	33		5	55
Southeast Region		15	346	96		843	1285
Midwest Region		12	58			261	319
Intermountain Region		34	3165	585	84	345	4179
Pacific West Region	3	14	96	64		15	175
Alaska Region		6	32				32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3714</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1469</b>	<b>6045</b>

The **National Park Service** is divided into six regions illustrated in the map below. Of the 85 notices recorded in the table, 9 are Notices of Intended Disposition describing 7 individuals, and 78 are Notices of Inventory Completion describing 3707 individuals. In addition, the Park Service has published 15 Notices of Intent to Repatriate cultural items.

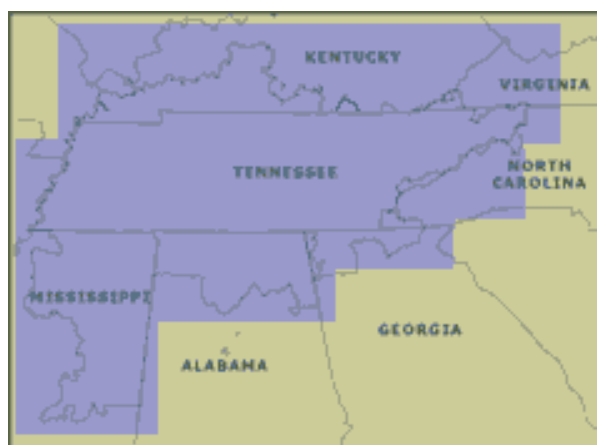
Thirteen Notices of Inventory Completion have been published since 2004 describing 82 MNI. Sixteen notices are pending publication, from 1995 to date, accounting for 778 MNI.



## Tennessee Valley Authority

	SNIR	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Alabama and Tennessee		0	0	0	337	8031	8368

The **Tennessee Valley Authority** manages 293,000 acres and 11,000 miles of public shoreline in the Tennessee Valley, which fall within the blue area of the map below. A map showing just the individual reservoirs is not available, though the larger ones are visible on the map of Federal Lands and Indian Reservations included with this report. According to the agency Website, TVA Cultural Resources staff consult regularly with 18 federally recognized tribes. No Notices of Inventory Completion and no Notices of Intended Disposition have been submitted to the National NAGPRA office to date. A minimum of 8,368 Native American human remains are curated at the Alabama State Museum of Natural History, University of Alabama, and at the Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Other repositories have not been identified.



## Summary

Agency	# NICs and NIDs	Pub'l MNI	Pend. MNI	Other Affil MNI	CUI Unpub	Total MNI
Tennessee Valley Authority	0	0	0	337	8031	8368
US Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service	47	5099	19	51	789	5958
US Dept. of Defense, Air Force	11	79	0	0	3	82
US Dept. of Defense, Army, Corps of Engineers	23	654	17	56	1481	2208
US Dept. of Defense, Army	13	108	2	0	132	242
US Dept. of Defense, Navy and Marine Corps	14	1824	0	2	214	2040
US Dept. of Energy	3	6	1	0	20	27
US Dept. of Homeland Security, Coast Guard	0	0	1	0	0	1
US Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs	21	274	4	0	20	298
US Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management	60	1235	0	0	161	1396
US Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation	12	524	49	146	134	853
US Dept. of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service	12	97	95	10	691	893
US Dept. of Interior, National Park Service	85	3714	778	84	1469	6045
<b>Totals</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>13614</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>13145</b>	<b>28411</b>